

Marine Life Protection Act Initiative



MLPA Goal 3 Evaluation of SCRSG MPA Proposals

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Goal 3 Defined

MLPA Goal 3 states:

*“To improve **recreational, educational, and study opportunities** provided by marine ecosystems that are subject to minimal human disturbance, and to manage these uses in a manner consistent with protecting biodiversity.”*

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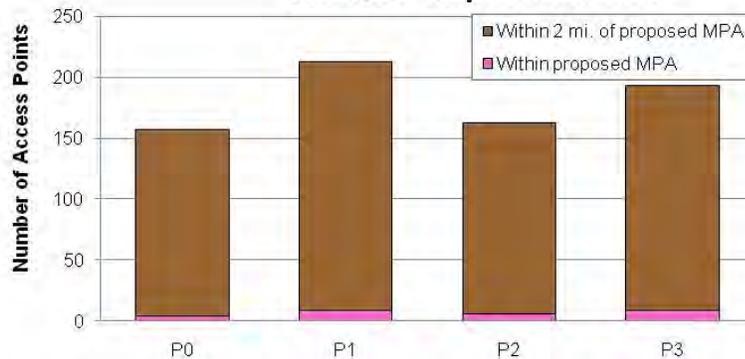
Goal 3 Parameters

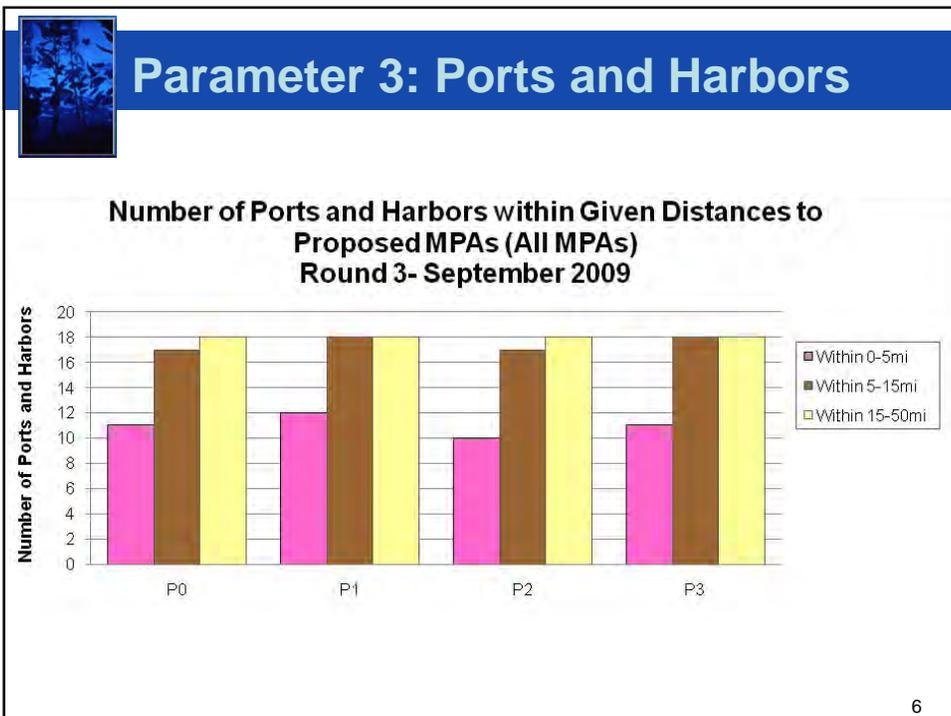
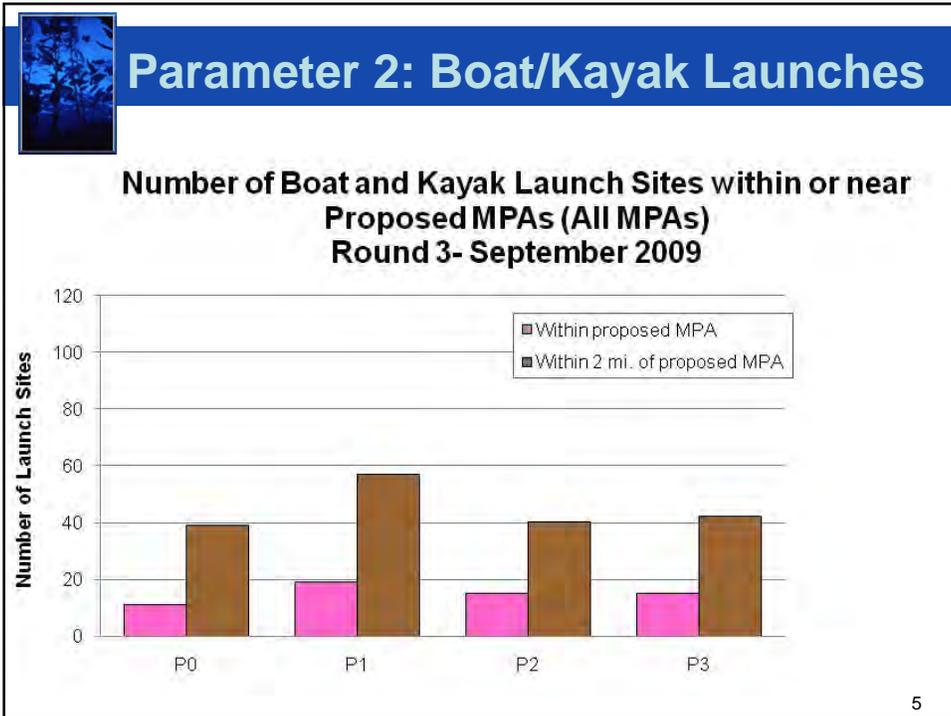
1. Number of **access points** within or near all proposed MPAs
2. Number of **boat and kayak launch sites** within or near proposed MPAs
3. Number of **ports and harbors** within given distances of proposed MPAs
4. Number of **terrestrial state parks** that are adjacent to proposed nearshore MPAs
5. Number of **major research and educational institutions** within given distances of proposed MPAs
6. Number of **long-term marine monitoring sites** within proposed MPAs
7. Number of **habitat replicates** for study opportunities₃

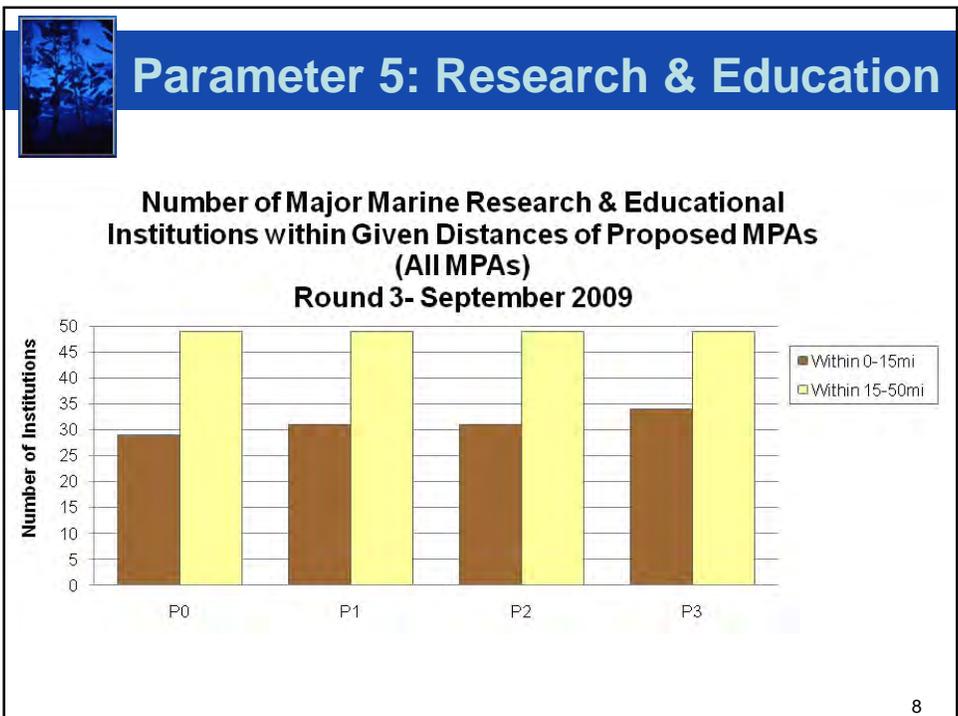
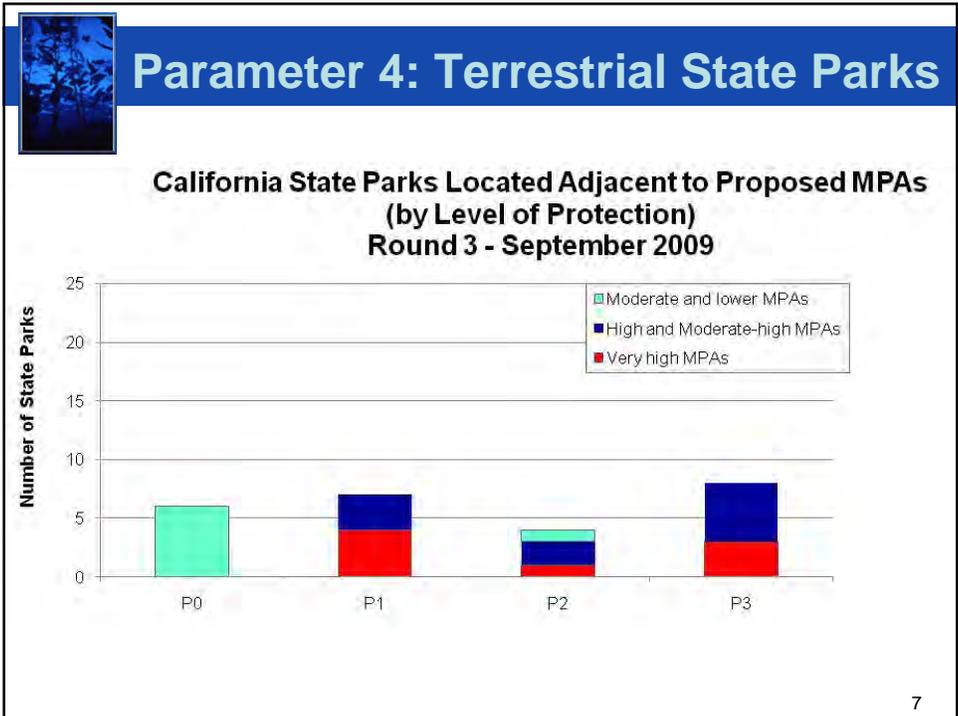


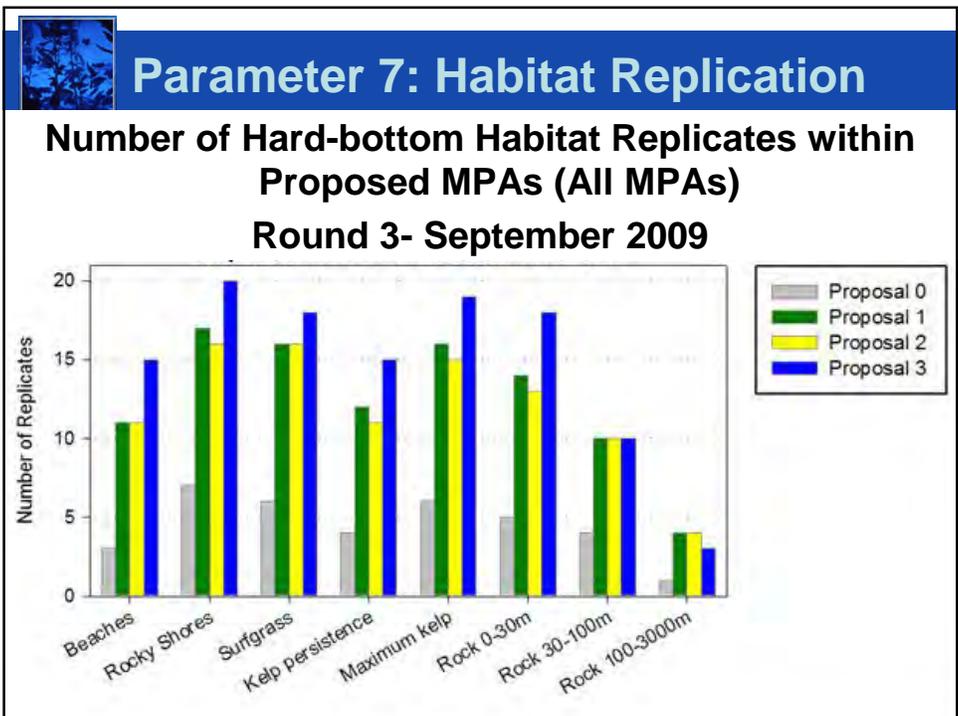
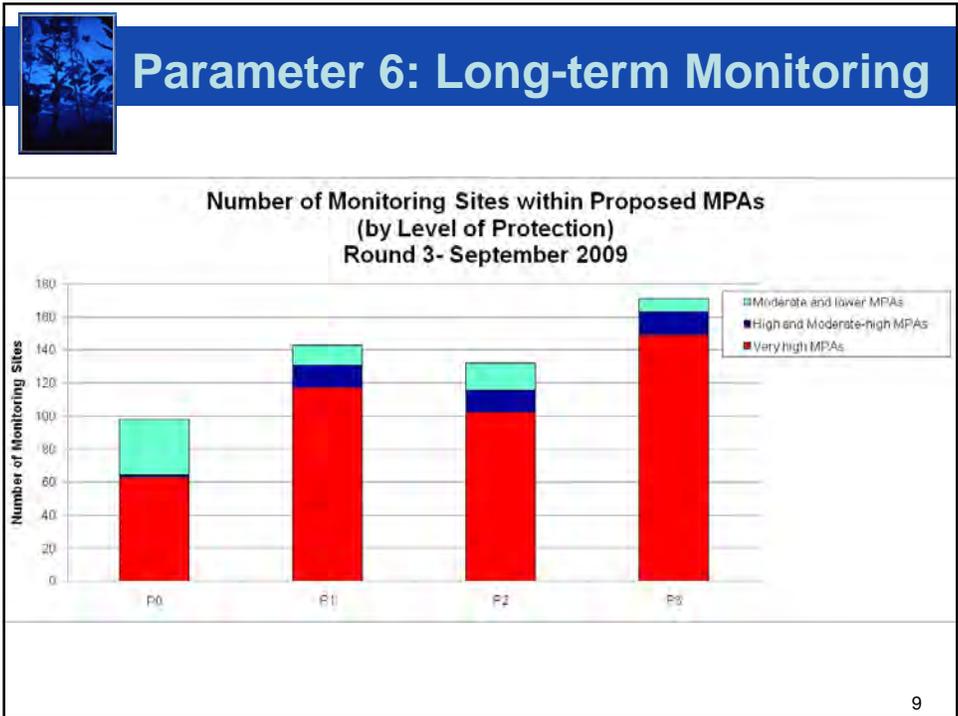
Parameter 1: Access Points

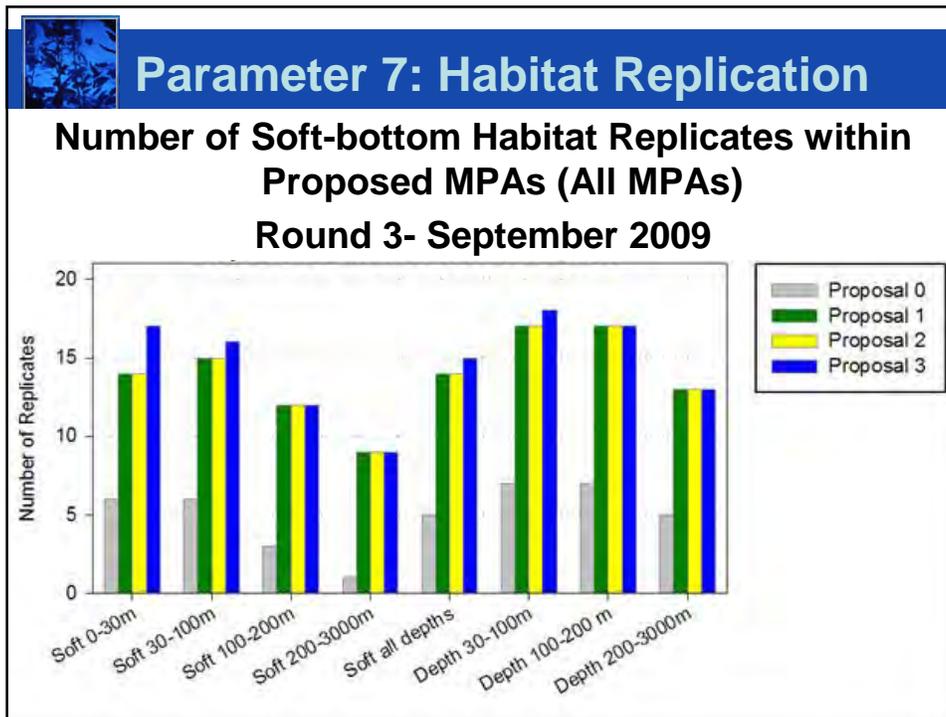
**Number of Coastal Access Points within or near Proposed MPAs (All MPAs)
Round 3- September 2009**











Summary of Goal 3 Evaluation

- SCRSG MPA proposals improve recreational, educational, and study opportunities compared to Proposal 0.
- The range of results for most parameters narrowed to Round 1.
- All three proposals had relatively comparable results.
- Generally P1 provided slightly better access to recreational opportunities when considering all levels of protection.
- P3 provided slightly better access to educational and study opportunities.